UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE
GULF OF MEXICO REGION
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. OCCURRED
   DATE: 03-APR-2008    TIME: 1630    HOURS
   STRUCTURAL DAMAGE
   CRANE
   OTHER LIFTING DEVICE
   DAMAGED/DISABLED SAFETY SYS.
   INCIDENT >$25K
   H2S/15MIN./20PPM
   REQUIRED MUSTER
   SHUTDOWN FROM GAS RELEASE
   OTHER

2. OPERATOR: Stone Energy Corporation
   REPRESENTATIVE: Corbett Lebouef
   TELEPHONE: (337) 521-0213
   CONTRACTOR: HERCULES OFFSHORE DRILLING
   REPRESENTATIVE: Jim Kieth
   TELEPHONE: (713) 350-8362
   OTHER LIFTING DEVICE
   DAMAGED/DISABLED SAFETY SYS.
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3. OPERATOR/CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE/SUPERVISOR ON SITE AT TIME OF INCIDENT:

4. LEASE: G01238
   AREA: PL    LATITUDE: 23
   BLOCK: 23    LONGITUDE:
   PLATFORM: C
   RIG NAME: HERCULES 203
   OTHER LIFTING DEVICE
   DAMAGED/DISABLED SAFETY SYS.
   INCIDENT >$25K
   H2S/15MIN./20PPM
   REQUIRED MUSTER
   SHUTDOWN FROM GAS RELEASE
   OTHER

5. PLATFORM:
   REQUIREMENTS:
   EXPLOSION
   HISTORIC BLOWOUT
   UNDERGROUND
   SURFACE
   DEVERTER
   SURFACE EQUIPMENT FAILURE OR PROCEDURES
   COLISION
   HISTORIC
   >$25K
   <=$25K
   OTHER

6. OPERATION:
   PRODUCTION
   DRILLING
   WORKOVER
   COMPLETION
   HELICOPTER
   MOTOR VESSEL
   PIPELINE SEGMENT NO.
   OTHER

7. TYPE:
   HISTORIC INJURY
   REQUIRED EVACUATION
   LTA (1-3 days)
   LTA (>3 days)
   RW/JT (1-3 days)
   RW/JT (>3 days)
   OTHER
   FATALITY
   POLLUTION
   FIRE
   EXPLOSION
   LWC
   HISTORIC BLOWOUT
   UNDERGROUND
   SURFACE
   DEVERTER
   SURFACE EQUIPMENT FAILURE OR PROCEDURES
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8. CAUSE:
   EQUIPMENT FAILURE
   HUMAN ERROR
   EXTERNAL DAMAGE
   SLIP/TRIP/FALL
   WEATHER RELATED
   LEAK
   UPSET H20 TREATING
   OVERBOARD DRILLING FLUID
   OTHER

9. WATER DEPTH: 61 FT.

10. DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 15 MI.

11. WIND DIRECTION: SW
    SPEED: M.P.H.

12. CURRENT DIRECTION:
    SPEED: M.P.H.

13. SEA STATE: FT.
On April 4, 2008 the Hercules 203 Jack-up Rig was in the process of moving alongside Platform C in South Pelto Block 23. As the rig moved in close one of the legs made contact with the Gulf floor. The rig then collided with the platform. The damage to the rig and platform was minimal. The platform contacted the rig at it's wind wall which is at the back of the rig floor. The platform sustained damage at the north east corner of at the sump tank area. The rig, when it made contact, was close enough to skid the rotary over the well and meet the close tolerances required to have safe distances between the platform flare boomdeck and the rig.

At the time of the collision at least one of the legs was in contact with the Gulf floor, thereby reducing maneuverability. The probable cause of this accident is simple pilot error. The chance for an occasional contact between a platform and a rig is always present in moving these large vessels in very close quarters.

The wind wall on the rig sustained minor damage. The corner of the sump tank deck penetrated the wind wall creating a gash approximately 14" long and 2" wide. The sump tank deck on the platform is an add-on structure that is suspended from the main deck. It sustained minor structural damage. Some suspension posts and hand rails were bent. Grating transition strips between the main platform and the sump tank deck were bent and popped up out of place. A flange on the top of one of the two flame arrestors was sheared off.
21. PROPERTY DAMAGED: Both the Rig and platform sustained minor Collision Damage damages. Damages are listed in the Additional Information Section, Block 20.

ESTIMATED AMOUNT (TOTAL): $25,000

22. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT RECURRANCE NARRATIVE:
Due to the specific nature of this incident, the Houma District has no recommendations to report to the Regional Office.

23. POSSIBLE OCS VIOLATIONS RELATED TO ACCIDENT: NO

24. SPECIFY VIOLATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING NARRATIVE:

25. DATE OF ONSITE INVESTIGATION:

26. ONSITE TEAM MEMBERS: Brad Hunter /

29. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PANEL FORMED: NO

OCS REPORT:

30. DISTRICT SUPERVISOR: Bryan Domangue

APPROVED
DATE: 23-MAY-2008
1. STRUCTURE MANNED: YES

2. OPERATING NAVIGATIONAL AIDS: YES

3. FAIRWAY LOCATION CONTRIBUTING FACTOR: NO

4. NAME OF VESSEL: Hercules 203

5. OWNER OF VESSEL: Hercules Offshore

6. TYPE OF VESSEL: Jack-up Rig

7. MASTER OF VESSEL:

8. PILOT OF VESSEL: Note: Tugs moved Rig

9. ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF DAMAGE TO VESSEL: $2,000